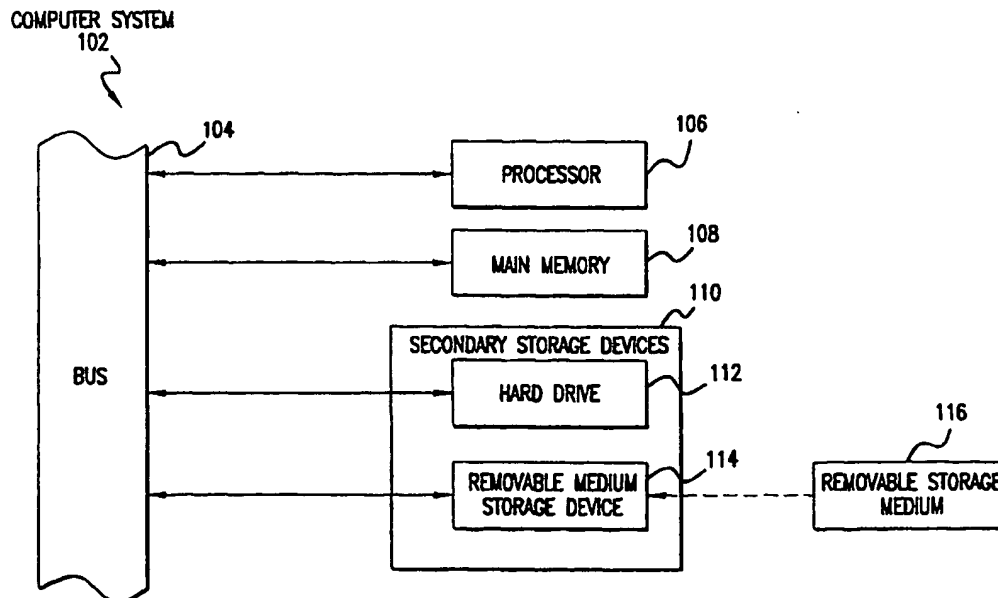




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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides polynucleotide sequences of the genome of *Enterococcus faecalis*, polypeptide sequences encoded by the polynucleotide sequences, corresponding polynucleotides and polypeptides, vectors and hosts comprising the polynucleotides, and assays and other uses thereof. The present invention further provides polynucleotide and polypeptide sequence information stored on computer readable media, and computer-based systems and methods which facilitate its use.

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1. Claims: 1-7

Computer readable medium having recorded thereon the nucleotide sequences depicted in SEQ ID nos. 1-982, a representative fragment thereof or a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a nucleotide sequence depicted in SEQ ID nos. 1-982; a computer-based system for identifying fragments of the *Enterococcus faecalis* genome of commercial importance comprising: a) a data storage means comprising said nucleotide sequence(s); b) search means for comparing a target sequence to the nucleotide sequences of the data storage means of step (a) to identify homologous sequence(s), and c) retrieval means for obtaining said homologous sequence(s) of step (b); a method for identifying commercially important nucleic acid fragments of the *Enterococcus faecalis* genome comprising the step of comparing a database comprising said nucleotide sequence(s) with a target sequence to obtain a nucleic acid molecule comprised of a complementary nucleotide sequence to said target sequence, wherein said target sequence is not randomly selected; a method for identifying an expression modulating fragments of the *Enterococcus faecalis* genome comprising the step of comparing a database comprising said nucleotide sequence(s) with a target sequence to obtain a nucleic acid molecule comprised of a complementary nucleotide sequence to said target sequence, wherein said target sequence comprises sequences known to regulate gene expression;

2. Claims: (8-18) partially

An isolated protein-encoding nucleic acid fragment of the *Enterococcus faecalis* genome, wherein said fragment consists of the nucleotide sequence of any one of the fragments of SEQ ID no.1 depicted in Tables 2 and 3, or a degenerate variant thereof; a vector comprising any one of the fragments of SEQ ID no.1 depicted in Tables 2 and 3; an isolated fragment of the *Enterococcus faecalis* genome, wherein said fragment modulates the expression of an operably linked open reading frame, wherein said fragment consists of the nucleotide sequence from about 10 to 200 bases in length which is 5' to any one of the open reading frames of SEQ ID no.1 depicted in Tables 2 and 3 or a degenerate variant thereof; a method for regulating the expression of a nucleic acid molecule comprising the step of covalently attaching to said nucleic acid molecule a nucleic acid molecule consisting of the nucleotide sequence from about 10 to 100 bases 5' to any one of the open reading frames of SEQ ID no.1 depicted in Tables 2 and 3 or a degenerate variant thereof; an isolated polypeptide encoded by any one of the fragments of SEQ ID no.1 depicted in Table

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2 and 3; an antibody which selectively binds to any one of said polypeptides, a method for producing a polypeptide in a host cell comprising a) incubating a host containing a heterologous nucleic acid molecule whose nucleotide sequence consists of any one of the fragments of SEQ ID no.1 depicted in Table 2 and 3, under conditions where said heterologous nucleic acid molecule is expressed to produce said protein, and b) isolating said protein;

3-983. Claims: (8-18) partially

Idem as subject 2 but limited to e a c h of the sequences of SEQ ID no. 2 to 982, i.e. invention 3 is limited to the fragments of SEQ ID no. 2 depicted in Tables 2 and 3, invention 4 is limited to the fragments of SEQ ID no. 3 depicted in Tables 2 and 3, and so on.

For the sake of conciseness, the second subject matter is explicitly defined, the other subject matters are defined by analogy hereto.

REMARK:

Although claims 1-4 could, at least partially, be considered as a mere presentation of information, Rule 39.1 (v) PCT, and claims 5-7 at least partially as a program for computers (Rule 39.1(vi) PCT), the search has been carried out as far as possible in our systematic documentation.

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